

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE on page 35 with the following amended ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE.

An ~~object of the present invention is to obtain an image of a subject in a desired pose.~~ To ~~attain this object, an image extracting apparatus according to the present invention is provided with~~ includes an image database in which a plurality of images ~~is are~~ stored, a detecting means (~~S104~~) for detecting portion which detects the orientation of a subject in an image, and an extracting means (~~S106~~) for extracting portion which extracts an image including a subject in a predetermined orientation (~~S102~~) from the image database based on the result of the detection by the detecting means portion.